

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 through 4, and 7, as follows:

1 1 (Twice amended). A bi-lingual conversion system for automatically
2 converting a message in a first language into a message in a second language, said
3 system comprising:
4 a computer memory for storing an incoming character stream of said first language;
5 [and]
6 a first controller for providing a first signal when each of the following conditions has
7 been satisfied: (a) an automatic conversion mode has been selected by a user,
8 (b) a space command has been detected in said incoming character stream, and
9 (c) said incoming character stream agrees with a pronunciation rule of the first
10 language; and
11 a second controller, coupled to said first controller and operating in response to receipt
12 of a said first signal, for converting said incoming character stream into a
13 character stream of said second language according to a pronunciation rule of
14 the second language when said character stream does not agree with said
15 pronunciation rule of the first language.

1 2 (Twice amended). The bi-lingual conversion system of claim 1, wherein said
2 first language is Korean, [and] said second language is English, the pronunciation rule
3 of the first language is a Korean pronunciation rule, and the pronunciation rule of the
4 second language is an English pronunciation rule.

1 3 (Twice amended). The bi-lingual conversion system of claim 1, wherein said
2 first language is English, [and] said second language is Korean, the pronunciation rule
3 of the first language is an English pronunciation rule, and the pronunciation rule of the
4 second language is a Korean pronunciation rule.

1 4 (Twice amended). The bi-lingual conversion system of claim 2, wherein said
2 controller is adapted for:
3 converting a Korean character stream into English when said Korean character
4 stream does not agree with the Korean pronunciation rule;
5 converting an English character stream into Korean when said English
6 character stream does not agree with the [Korean] English pronunciation
7 rule; and

8 converting a bi-lingual character stream of Korean and English according to a
9 predetermined priority order.

1 7 (Twice amended). The method of claim 5, adapted for use with an English
2 pronunciation rule and a Korean pronunciation rule, wherein said step for converting
3 said character stream comprises:

4 (a) converting a Korean character stream into English when said Korean
5 character stream does not agree with the Korean pronunciation rule;

6 (b) converting an English character stream into Korean when said English
7 character stream does not agree with the [Korean] English pronunciation rule; and

8 (c) converting a bi-lingual character stream according to a predetermined
9 priority order.